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Applicant: Judith K. Gwathmey, et al.  
Serial No. 09/990,705  
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SOLUTION TO ENHANCE LONG-TERM SURVIVAL OF  
CELLS  
Examiner: Vera Afremova  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Changes to the Claims are shown by strike through (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter). Applicants request all necessary extensions of time to respond.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.